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**PART--I-- Orders and Notifications by the Government of Tripura,
The High Court, Government Treasury etc.**

**GOVERNMENT OF TRIPURA
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT MAGISTRATE & COLLECTOR
WEST TRIPURA DISTRICT**

No.F.4(11)/DM/W/JDL/Vol-IV/2012/141-87

Dated, Agartala, the 13th April, 2024.

**ORDER
(U/S 144 Cr. P.C)**

WHEREAS, Poll in connection with the General Elections to Lok Sabha-2024 shall take place in all the 793 polling stations of West Tripura District on 19th April, 2024 from 7:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M;

AND

WHEREAS, Under Section 126 of the Representation of Peoples Act, 1951, in the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for the close of Poll i.e. 5.00 PM of 17th April, 2024 the election campaigning through public meeting, mass rallies, processions, etc. shall come to an end;

AND

WHEREAS, strict vigil needs to be maintained in the Poll bound areas so as to ensure that no unscrupulous elements are able to engage in nefarious activities such as illegal distribution of cash, gifts, liquor etc. to unduly induce and influence the electors/ Voters for extracting political mileage;

AND

WHEREAS, there is apprehension of illegal assembly, breach of peace & public tranquility by unscrupulous anti social and criminal elements in various polling areas of West Tripura District which may disrupt peaceful poll process;

Now, therefore in exercise of the powers conferred upon me Under Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code-1973, I Dr. Vishal Kumar, IAS, District Magistrate & Collector, West Tripura District do hereby pass the order to prohibit any kind of assembly consisting of five or more persons with or without weapons or weapon like objects such as lathi, sticks, iron rods, bamboos, stones or any object which may be used as weapon of offence and also hereby prohibit holding of any public meeting, rally, gathering, public address with or without use of loudspeakers etc. anywhere within the limits of West Tripura District including that of the 200 meters periphery of any polling station. Also I do hereby prohibit two or more number of motorbikes or vehicles moving together in any area which also amounts a sort of illegal assembly and on the day of poll, excepting the voters, no one without a valid pass from the authorized election officer shall enter the polling booths.

The purpose of this **Prohibitory Order** is not to disrupt the day to day life of the responsible and duty bound citizens of the District but to maintain overall peace, tranquility and law & order so as to conduct peaceful, free and fair polls as per the guidelines of the Election Commission of India.

This prohibitory order shall not be applicable for:

1. Polling Personnel and CAPF, Police on election duty or their vehicles or any other persons such as media persons with valid passes, drivers and cleaners etc. or vehicles engaged in the election duty.
2. The voters having valid Identity Cards who are coming to the Polling Stations for casting their votes on foot or in their own vehicles and standing in the voter queues inside the premises of the Polling Station in a well-disciplined manner.
3. The voters having valid Identity Cards by taking their personal vehicles with only the family members outside the periphery of 200 (two hundred) meters of the Polling Station for purpose of voting at the Polling Station but not carrying any other voters/electors apart from the family members.
4. Government servant or Police personnel/CAPF/Armed Forces on routine Government duty.
5. Gathering for educational purposes at various Educational Institutions during the day time.
6. Routine functioning of Government or Private Officers.
7. Normal passengers or vehicular transport provided that transport vehicles should not carry or transport the voters /electors for purpose of voting.
8. Normal religious gatherings at the time of prayers at religious places or places of worship or social functions such as marriages and birthday ceremonies etc. provided that no any kind of distributions of cash or kind to anybody shall be done in such function /ceremonies.
9. Normal business and transactions in all the markets and mandirs/Religious places except that of any gathering of political or criminal nature.
10. Motorcars of Candidates duly approved by the Returning Officers or any other Motorcar's duly permitted by the Competent Election Authority.
11. Providing drinking water to visitors/voters through engaged person.
12. Voters having person with disability(PWD) should be provided wheel chair or any devise for carrying out of voting.

This order shall be valid from 5:00 P.M of 17th April, 2024 to 6:00 A.M of 20th April, 2024.

Whoever violates this prohibitory order shall be punishable under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

Due to emergent nature of the situation, this Order has been issued ex parte and is addressed to the public in general.

Issued under my hand and seal on 13th April, 2024.


(Dr. Vishal Kumar, IAS)
District Magistrate & Collector
West Tripura District